

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for identifying to a user the cause of an event occurring within a personal information manager computer system, the method comprising:

maintaining at the personal information manager computer system a rule comprising at least one or more conditions condition and at least one or more actions action that is [[are]] performed when the at least one or more conditions are condition is satisfied, wherein the at least one condition comprises receiving at least one electronic mail message and wherein the at least one action comprises displaying a first user interface dialog box indicating that the at least one electronic mail message has been received;

periodically performing an evaluation to determine whether the at least one condition is conditions are satisfied, wherein performing the evaluation comprises performing the evaluation when the at least one electronic mail message has been received;

performing the at least one or more actions action in response to determining that the at least one condition is conditions are satisfied;

receiving a request to identify the cause of the performance of the at least one or more actions action; and

in response to receiving the request, identifying the rule to the user, wherein identifying the rule to the user comprises displaying a second user interface dialog box comprising a list identifying each of the at least one electronic messages indicating which of the at least one condition that has been satisfied.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 [[2]], wherein the first user interface dialog box comprises the [[a]] user interface object that, when selected, displays a second user interface dialog box that allows the user to edit the identified identifies the rule.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3, wherein receiving a request to identify the cause of the performance of the at least one or more actions action comprises receiving a selection of the user interface object.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having stored thereon computer-readable instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform the method of Claim 1.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer-controlled apparatus comprising a memory operatively coupled to a processor capable of performing the method of Claim 1.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for identifying to a user the cause of an event occurring within a personal information manager computer system, the method comprising:

providing within the personal information manager computer system a facility for defining rules related to the handling of electronic mail messages, each rule comprising at least one or more conditions condition and at least one or more actions action to be performed if the at least one or more conditions are condition is satisfied;

allowing a user to define, through the facility, a plurality of rules that causes a first indication to be displayed in response to receiving an electronic mail message that satisfies at least one condition one or more conditions; [[and]]

providing within the first indication an object that may be selected by a user to retrieve the identity of the rule that caused the first indication to be displayed, wherein the first indication comprises a list identifying at least one of the a plurality of electronic mail messages, wherein at least one of the plurality of electronic mail messages is selectable as a selected message, and wherein the object may be selected to retrieve the identity of at least one of the plurality of rules that caused the indication to be displayed for the selected message; and

receiving a selection of the object and, in response thereto, displaying a second indication that identifies the rule.

9.-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 8 [[11]], wherein the first indication further comprises a user interface object that, when selected, will open the selected message for viewing.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the first indication further comprises a user interface object which, when selected, will dismiss the first indication.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 13, wherein the second indication further comprises at least one or more user interface object objects which, when selected, provide functionality for editing the rule.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having stored thereon computer-readable instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform the method of Claim 8.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer-controlled apparatus comprising a memory operatively coupled to a processor capable of performing the method of Claim 8.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for identifying to a computer user the cause of an event occurring within an electronic mail message client computer system, the method comprising:

storing within the electronic mail message client computer system at least one or more user-defined message handling rule rules, at least one of the rules operative to generate a first indication message in response to receiving at the electronic mail message client computer system [[an]] a plurality of electronic mail messages satisfying at least one or more conditions condition;

receiving [[an]] the plurality of electronic mail messages;

in response to receiving the plurality of electronic mail messages, performing an evaluation to determine if the at least one or more conditions are condition is satisfied by the received electronic mail messages;

generating the first indication message in response to determining that the at least one or more conditions are condition is satisfied by the received electronic mail messages;

receiving a request to identify the rule that caused the indication message to be displayed, wherein the request to identify the rule that caused the indication message to be displayed comprises displaying a user interface object containing a list identifying each of the plurality of electronic messages that satisfy the at least one user-defined message handling rule and which of the at least one user-defined message handling rule is satisfied; and

in response to the request, generating a second indication message identifying the rule that caused the first indication message to be displayed, wherein the second indication message further comprises a facility for editing the rule that caused the first indication message to be displayed.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 17, wherein the first indication message comprises information related to the received message.

19.-20. (Cancelled)